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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Rycroft
	United States of America	Ms. Sison
	Uruguay	Mr. Rosselli

Agenda

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2017/840)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Expression of sympathy in connection with the terrorist attack in Mogadishu

The President (*spoke in French*): On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I reiterate our firmest condemnation of the heinous terrorist attack perpetrated in Mogadishu. The members of the Security Council offer their most sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and their solidarity with the people and the Government of Somalia.

I request members of the Security Council to stand and observe a minute of silence in memory of the victims.

The members of the Security Council observed a minute of silence.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*spoke in French*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

I wish to draw the attention of Council members to document S/2017/840, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

After consultations among Council members, I have been authorized to make the following statement on their behalf:

"As the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) completes its mandate on 15 October 2017, the Security Council recognizes the achievements made by Haiti since 2004.

"The Security Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of 5 October (S/2017/840) and the assessments, recommendations and lessons learned contained therein. The Security Council expresses its intention to take them into account in the framework of its ongoing work to enhance the overall effectiveness of United Nations peacekeeping and transitions.

"Recalling resolutions 2350 (2017) and 2313 (2016), the Security Council welcomes the notable progress made by Haiti towards stability and democracy. It underlines the improvements in strengthening the security and humanitarian situation. The Security Council also welcomes the presidential elections held in 2016 and 2017, which have paved the way to consolidating Haiti's democratic institutions through a peaceful transfer of power.

"The Security Council recognizes the contribution of MINUSTAH in restoring security and stability in Haiti throughout its 13 years. The Security Council expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the United Nations country team, under the leadership of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, and MINUSTAH personnel for their dedication. The Security Council also expresses its gratitude to the troop- and police-contributing countries for their support over the years.

"The Security Council recalls the primary responsibility of the Government of Haiti for ensuring stability in Haiti and reaffirms in particular the need for political dialogue as a peaceful resolution to help defuse tensions between competing groups and to address ongoing socioeconomic grievances. It emphasizes the importance of prioritizing strengthening the rule of law, judicial reform, respect for human rights, including the empowerment of women and their full participation in decision-making, and further developing the capacity of the Haitian National Police to enable it to improve Haiti's security environment, all of which are critical to achieving long-term stability. Further, the Security Council expresses confidence that the new Mission will work closely with the Government of Haiti and calls upon the Government to facilitate the Mission's mandate and functioning.

"The Security Council recognizes the United Nations New Approach to Cholera in Haiti and continued progress in reductions of suspected cases of cholera.

"The Security Council reaffirms its support for the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on all

forms of sexual exploitation and abuse and affirms the importance of supporting victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.

"The Security Council stresses that there is important work ahead to further advance Haiti's long-term security, democratic consolidation and sustainable development. The Security Council underscores the importance of continued support to Haiti as it embarks on the next stage of the United Nations engagement, and welcomes the work of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH) to consolidate progress made as Haiti transitions to a non-peacekeeping United Nations presence.

"The Security Council welcomes the use of a range of different tools to support Haiti as it seeks to address its political, economic, social and security challenges. It emphasizes the importance of MINUJUSTH developing a clearly benchmarked projected two-year exit strategy to a non-peacekeeping United Nations presence in Haiti to continue supporting the efforts of the Government of Haitian in sustaining peace and peacebuilding."

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The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.